

WIPE OUT BY FIRE.

The Business Portion of Dalton, Ohio, Destroyed.

TOTAL LOSS NEARLY \$200,000.

Thirty-Three Buildings Consumed and Twenty Acres of Ground in the Heart of City Laid Waste by the Flames—Freight Train Wrecked—Church Struck by Lightning—Ohio State News.

MASILLON, O., Sept. 11.—The village of Dalton, nine miles west of here, was visited by a disastrous conflagration. It started at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning in a shed, and is supposed to be of incendiary origin. The frame houses burned like tinder, and at 8 o'clock 28 houses in the heart of the town had been devastated; and over 80 structures totally destroyed. The village water supply was soon exhausted, and dependence was then placed upon wells and cisterns.

Appeals for help were sent to all the surrounding towns, and at the earliest moment special train loads of equipment to the same as Massillon, Canton and Orrville could spare.

In many cases household goods were removed to the street, only to be destroyed in that place of supposed safety. The citizens of the place were completely panic-stricken. No very serious accidents are reported. One man was carried out of the hotel unconscious, but will recover.

The buildings destroyed number 38. The total loss figures up to \$200,000, and the insurance is only \$20,000. Every business house in the village was consumed.

The rain did as much as anything to stop the progress of the flames. Dalton burned out have been taken in by lightning, but are not in actual distress, but have lost all their possessions. It is suspected that a crowd of felons sent to the penitentiary on Dalton recently started the fire.

FREIGHT WRECK.

Two Wagons Hurt and Sixteen Cars Dashed Near Springfield, O.

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 11.—A bad wreck occurred on the Big Four, three miles east of the city, yesterday. In some mysterious manner a car on the front end of eastbound freight No. 42, conductor O'Connor, jumped the track and 16 cars followed it into the ditch. All were pretty badly damaged and the money loss will be \$5,000 or more.

The train was proceeding, stealing a rate very badly hurt, and probably fatally. T. Woodge of Pittsburg got his head crushed and right leg broken, and S. Hill of Brooklyn, had cut and an arm fractured. All through trains were sent to Cincinnati via the Delaware division, Columbus not being touched.

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NORWALK, O., Sept. 11.—Frank Smith was arrested yesterday evening with robbing the "Mardi" store, being in the act of leaving. Talmage Fairchild of Columbus, visiting here, overheard Smith and another man plan the robbery. The boy watched the store, and while there saw Smith steal the goods, and immediately informed Mardi.

Thomas Instantly Killed.

ATHENS, O., Sept. 11.—Thomas J. Stockman, aged 25, whose home was at Chillicothe, met almost instant death in a railroad accident here. Stockman was driving a freight, and was thrown beneath the wheel by several cars detached from the road crashing into the front section. Stockman's injuries were such that he died soon after.

Church Struck by Lightning.

ROCK SPRINGS, O., Sept. 11.—The Congregational church here was struck by lightning, doing great damage. It first struck the belfry, tearing away a part. It then ripped up the roof for 30 feet, and then tore down in the audience room, toppling the plaster from the walls, and finally demolishing the elegant oak seats, recently placed there.

State Fair Receipts.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 11.—The state board of agriculture announces that the receipts from the state fair were \$25,472. Of this \$17,402.50 was from the sale of general admission tickets; \$2,337 from the sale of privileges; \$2,208.50 from the sale of grandstand tickets, and \$2,388 from entrance fees.

Elevator Dropped.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 11.—Owing to a defect in the machinery, the elevator in The State Journal building, on State street, dropped five stories at noon. There was no one in it but the elevator man, Swan, who, strange to say, was not seriously injured.

A Woman Died of Lockjaw.

DELAWARE, O., Sept. 11.—Widow Mary Morrison died from lockjaw, which was the result of the horrible burns she received by a gasoline stove explosion four weeks ago. Four children are left.

Fatal Slip.

CONNELLSTOWN, O., Sept. 11.—Fred Marsh, a brakeman on the Shenango railroad, slipped from the passenger train at the harbor yesterday and was instantly killed. He was 28 years old, and a son of E. J. Marsh of this place.

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CHINESE TRANSPORT WRECKED.

The 4,000 Troops on Board Safely Land at Galli of Chinese Officials.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A dispatch received here from Shanghai says that the Chinese transport Chuan, while proceeding to Formosa, with 4,000 troops on board, was wrecked in the Che-Tung pass. A panic occurred on board when the steamer went ashore, but all the crew of the Chuan were safely landed in her boats. There is no hope of saving the transport.

Another dispatch received here from Shanghai says that on Saturday last some Chinese officials boarded the French steamer en route to Japan and demanded to search the ship for Japanese officers and men from Europe who were said to be on board. The captain of the steamer refused to allow his ship to be searched and was obliged to threaten to ask for the assistance of a French warship before the local officials withdrew.

Inquiries made here by a representative of the Associated Press at the Chinese and Japanese legations show that the officials of both these countries credit the report that negotiations for an armistice are in progress between China and Japan.

Nebraska Bank Paid.

PLATTEVILLE, Neb., Sept. 11.—The Citizens' bank failed to open its doors yesterday. An hour later the stockholders of the bank went before Judge Chapman and asked that the bank be closed and that Charles C. Parmalee be appointed receiver. The judge issued the order. The cause of the failure is supposed to be inability to reconcile on securities. The stockholders are mostly wealthy men, W. H. Cushing, a brother of R. C. Cushing, ex-mayor of Omaha, was president of the bank. The capital stock was \$100,000. Liabilities \$92,000, assets \$81,000. The failure involves about \$20,000, all being secured with notes of wealthy farmers who are merely temporarily embarrassed.

Storm Damage.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 11.—Sunday night's storm was the worst of the week, and the damage will run into the thousands. The barn of Thomas Koper, Union township, was struck by lightning and burned. Loss about \$3,000. Some of the stock were outraged in milkings and the barn and the stable which the barn struck two cows were all fed up in there, killing both. Two barns and a lumen near Koss were struck by lightning and burned.

Yesterday the thermometer dropped 30 degrees and the people are wearing overcoats.

Settlement of a Strike.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Indications point to a speedy settlement of the cloak and hat cutters' strike. About 400 of the strikers returned to work yesterday for contractors, and the strike was demanded by the men. It is expected that by Thursday all of the contractors will have signed the required bond, and that every one will be back to work. So far no terms looking to a settlement with the striking Knights of Labor in the clothing trade have been made.

Murder in a Basement.

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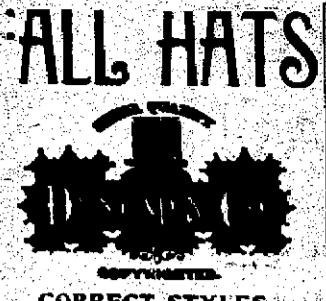
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TALES OF THE TOWN.

Jacob Spiker who has been sick for several weeks is convalescent.

County commissioner Wm. Bice is confined to his home from illness.

Ed Fritz, one of the most popular bartenders in the city, has resigned his position at the Mocca.

Jacob Wise, who was brought home from Saratoga Springs a couple of weeks ago, is still very sick.

There will be a bicycle race at Ada on the 20th of this month. A number of Lima riders will enter.

The scarlet fever quarantine has been removed from Kiesel's, Newell's and Dingledine's, on Second street.

The bearing of evidence in the Hallwood injunction case will be resumed before Judge Mooney to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Gus Kalb, who has been confined to his home from illness for several weeks, is improving slowly and is now able to be around the house.

Detective Blaize was sent to Lafayette this morning to investigate the robbery of Durbin's hardware store, an account of which appeared in the TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

Mrs. George Barnes, formerly of this city, but now of Toledo, was robbed of a diamond pin a few days ago. The theft was reported to the police, when the jewel was mysteriously returned to her.

Fred Bell, the notorious singing preacher, who cut many capers while in other towns as well as when in Lima is now at San Francisco editing a journal called *The Tribune*. Its fifth number was received in the city today.

There will be a meeting at the assembly room in the court-house on Wednesday evening, September 12th, which will be addressed by W. F. Abrams, of Detroit, a member of the Carpenters' Brotherhood. Subject, "The Merits and Value of Trade Unions."

Marshal George Clippinger, of Van Wert, was in town to-day accompanied by two prisoners en route to the Dayton work house. One of them was the colored fellow named Long, with whom policemen Croy and Winzard had a struggle while arresting him here a short time ago.

Wm. Wemmer, of firm of Deisel & Co., celebrated his thirty-second birthday anniversary last night by entertaining a number of his friends in the German Hall in the Klaus block. The singing of the Orion Maennerchor was one of the features of the evening. All had a good time.

The Patriarchs' Militant to the number of about forty, will go to Marion to-morrow morning to witness the working of the P. M. degree by the Dayton team, the crack team of the State. A banquet will be served and members of the Militants will be present from the towns surrounding.

COMMOTION
in
DRESS GOODS.

For some time past we have been scouring the markets for bargains in the most desirable style of dress goods, and now we place on sale the grandest aggregation of new fall styles at PRICES NEVER BEFORE EQUALLED. For example a lot of fine fancy worsteds at 58¢ a yard; were imported to retail at 81.25. Our table of Dress Goods at 50¢ a yard is a revelation to buyers, and you will be astonished to see such elegant goods at such a moderate price. 30-40 73-28 BELL'S.

Couldn't Prove it.

This morning a German named Chas Hauf was arraigned before the mayor on a charge of malicious destruction of property, which was preferred by Edward Young. The plaintiff and defendant were formerly both employed on Bittstein's dairy farm and some time ago Young had a suit of clothes and a hat cut out of ribbons by some one and as he and Hauf had had some trouble, Hauf was suspected.

There was however no evidence to prove that Hauf was guilty and consequently the mayor discharged him and dismissed the case.

Scirotta humors and all diseases caused or promoted by impure blood or low state of the system, are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Our Line of Shoes,

Hardware and Tinware at prices to close at the Becket's Store, opposite the court house. Open to 8 o'clock evening. 73-132

Don't Miss

Those Dress Goods for 58¢, worth \$1.25 at D. Bell's. 80-40 73-28

Apprentices
Wanted at Oley's.

A BANQUET

Served in Honor of Mr. Auditor Crites by His Brother Officials.

The Burnet Dining Room the Scene of Festivity and Merry Making Last Night.

Commissioner John Amstutz, who is always on the alert for the benefit of his friends, yesterday arranged with the members of the official family of Allen county to meet at the Commissioners' office at 7:30 o'clock on Monday evening on business of importance. That hour found the following-named persons collected at the appointed place: Commissioner John Amstutz, ex-Auditor C. D. Crites, Probate Judge T. D. Robb, Senator J. J. Lawler, Treasurer Amos Young, Constance J. Stoeber, Clerk U. M. Skappel, Auditor Philip Walther, Sheriff Aaron Fisher, Surveyor J. C. Crowley, Deputy Probate Judge A. D. Miller, Deputy Treasurer Henry Blies, Sheriff Clark Sullivan, ex-Prosecuting Attorney Isaac S. Motter, and representatives of the various newspapers of the city, who were to participate in a complimentary dinner given in honor of ex-Auditor G. D. Crites, who yesterday, at the expiration of his elective term, retired from the roster of Allen county officials. The company repaired to the pleasant dining rooms of the Burnet House, where a very excellent dinner was served. The merits of the dinner having been fully tested by the company of hungry men, the plates were carried away, and with general John Amstutz at the head, a series of after-dinner speeches were delivered by the gentlemen present.

The general trend of the speeches was eulogistic of Mr. Crites and of his mode of caring for the business of Allen county while he occupied the position of auditor. At the conclusion of the dinner remarks were made by the various speakers of some facts connected with the business affairs of Allen county. He stated that he had served as auditor for six years and as deputy for about seven making in all thirteen years, and during that time had endeavored to serve his constituency well. He adverted to the fact that at this time the condition of affairs in Allen county would compare favorably with that of any county in Ohio—would put to shame the conditions of affairs in Lima. Allen county was as good public buildings as any county in the State—all paid for excepting a small portion for the Children's Home, which would be taken care of in a short time. Allen county has five hundred miles of good plies, all paid for, and that too without the issuing of bonds. This is in striking contrast with the deplorable condition of the municipal affairs of the city of Lima, where there is a bonded indebtedness of nearly half a million dollars, without any provision for its payment.

In reference to his resignation of the extended term of office, Mr. Crites said:

I am a Democrat and was elected Auditor by Democrats. The term for which they elected me expired on the 10th day of September and on that day I stepped down and out.

The late Republican Legislature extended the term of Auditor about a month, but I did not accept the extension for I do not propose to be elected to any position by Republicans, and they I want to substantially express my contempt for the last Legislature by refusing to accept that which they offer.

At the conclusion of Mr. Crites remarks, the entire company joined in a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne," and dispersed.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have Been and are Going.

Will Rorer returned to St. Louis this afternoon.

Chas. Long and family are visiting in Wapakoneta.

George Neubright and daughter left this morning for a visit in Washington, Ia.

Detective Foster, who is working on the Richwood robbery case, was in the city to-day.

Miss Mollie Wulenschnieder returned last night after a month's visit with her parents in Fostoria.

Mrs. Precilla J. Baker, of Carlisle, Pa., is the guest of her sister Mrs. Jacob Spiker, of West Wayne street.

Mr. Frank Steinmetz and wife, of East Kirby street, have returned from a visit with friends in Van Wert.

Miss Mand Crawford, of Columbus Grove, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fitzpatrick, of East McElroy street.

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the Cliff Haller, Alex Frankel and Jack Selbold were among those who went to Delphos this afternoon to attend the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lescure, of 720 East North street, have been called to the bedside of Mrs. Lescure's father, J. N. Peters, of Brie, Ohio. Owing to advanced age there is very little hope of his recovery.

Miss Lizzie McKeon, of New York city, who has been visiting in Lima for the past two months, started for home last evening over the L. E. & W., accompanied by Miss Bessie McKeon, who goes to finish her course in music.

CRIBBED IT BODILY.

The Lima Gazette a Plagiarist Pure and Simple.

Those of the readers of the *Gazette* who this morning read an article carrying the head "School Begin," in that paper, perhaps wondered at the lack of grammatical blunders—which are so amusing's feature in all the *Gazette*'s original matter—in that one article. Had those wondering people been readers of the Chicago *Record* the mystery would have been explained, for the article "everlasting literature" with the single change in the name of the town, appeared in that paper yesterday. The *Gazette* people had cut it out bodily, adapted the name of the town to suit, and tried to pain it off as original matter. As nearly a hundred copies of the *Record* are read in Lima a great many are to the plagiarists and are poking fun at the boys about it.

AWAY DOWN

Is the Price of Brick Paving at the City of Newark.

This morning Mr. Charles Nutter received a letter from his brother, R. H. Nutter, of Newark, O., which, among other things, says:

I am pleased to let you know that I was awarded the contract for paving Fourth street from Main to the north line of Locust street, and expect to begin work soon. I would like very well to know who got the work at your city, and the price paid. I furnish the Jones block and do all the work for 75¢ per square yard. This block is equal to the Hallwood block in every way.

The above shows that eastern cities are getting brick paving away down in price. *Plain Dealer*.

TAX INQUISITOR

Is Charged With Collecting Money Illegally.

Ex-Mayor Balyeat and the attorneys acting under the direction of the County Commissioners of Van Wert county have completed their investigation of Tax Inquisitor McFarland's accounts and report that he had collected and has in his possession \$14,43 that was collected contrary to law. The Commissioners have been given civil action to recover that sum.

Bernard is Coming.

Porter & Son, who have for several weeks been making an effort to get C. F. Bernard, the great piano tuner, of Elgin, Ills., to locate in this city, to-day received a letter from Mr. Bernard stating that the propositions made were agreeable, and that he will be here in a few days and will also remove his family here and make this city his future home. Mr. Bernard has been leader of the celebrated Elgin band for the past eight years and is recommended as an artist with the concert, which instrument he will play with the opera house orchestra after his arrival here.

He has also been engaged in piano for a number of years and is highly recommended in that line. It will be to the interest of all piano owners to give him a call.

Telescoped in the Yards.

About 3:30 o'clock afternoon, as one of the C. & E. switching crews, in charge of foreman Wishart and engineer James, with engine 401, was doing some switching in the east end of the yards, a west bound freight train, in charge of conductor Dow and engineer Sweetland, who were running to get in the clear for train 2, crashed into the cut of coal cars which the crew were handling. The pilot was knocked off the engine and one car was slightly damaged by the accident.

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Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant liquid laxative, Syrup of Figs.

Heart the Male Chorus Sing

At Grace M. E. church to-morrow night.

Real Estate for Sale.

I will sell upon reasonable terms, a lot off the east side of the premises where I reside on West Market street, the size being forty-seven feet wide by two hundred feet deep, fronting on Market street immediately south of the new and beautiful residence of F. J. Banta. The lot is abundantly ornamented with cedar forest and fruit trees. C. H. Folsom, the real estate dealer, is the agent for the sale of the lot. ISAK PILLARS.

Saloon Opening.

Opening of the Bank Sample and Union Room, this evening, in the Union block, formerly occupied by O'Neill & Co., 104 East Market street, open Lima House. Everybody invited.

It FRED FAULKENBERG, Manager.

Attend the Concert

At Grace church, South Side, to-morrow night. The program will please you.

Special

Kid Glove sale at Oley's.

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NOTHING DONE

At the Council Meeting Again Last Evening.

A Quarrel About the Minutes Leads to Some Loud and Long Talk.

The city council met in regular session last night with president Hughes in the chair and the following members present: Messrs. Kemper, Harley, Full, Standish, Chapin, Greenleaf, Spelley, Dietrich, Foley and McVey.

Minutes of last meeting were read and when the president asked if there were any objections, Mr. Spelley arose and moved to have the resolution submitted two weeks ago, inserted in the regular minutes. Mr. Dietrich arose and stated that he and other councilmen held that the action of the chairman at the meeting two and three weeks ago were neither right nor legal. He declared that Mr. Hughes was running things to a high handed manner and that he would stand it no longer; if there